

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

:

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: EXAMINER: GRAINGER, QUANA MASHELL

SERIAL NO: 10/647,249

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2852

FOR: APPARATUS FOR SUPPRESSING DEFORMATIONS IN A BELT OF AN

IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.